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27 28 APPLICATION OF TRICO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., AN ARIZONA NONPROFIT CORPORATION, FOR AUTHORITY TO BORROW THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$58,786,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (RDUP) AND THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$25,194,000 FROM NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORPORATION, AND TO EVIDENCE SAID LOANS BY EXECUTION OF LOAN AGREEMENTS, PROMISSORY NOTES AND SECURITY

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE

Docket No. E-01461A-07-0433

IBEW LOCAL 1116'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF ITS APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

In its perfunctory Objections to the Application to Intervene filed by Local Union 1116, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO ("IBEW Local 1116"), Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Trico") incorrectly asserts that "[t]here is nothing that will occur in this proceeding that will in any manner affect the current or future collective bargaining agreements between Trico and the Union which are the Union's sole interest in

this proceeding and in Trico." In so doing, Trico glosses over the fact that, according to its own Application (p. 3, lines 7-8), "[s]aid borrowings are necessary to provide the facilities required to provide electric service to Trico's rapidly growing electric system[.]" Who, pray tell, does Trico believe will be the people working in these new facilities? Likewise, if Trico were to overextend itself with respect to this loan package - something IBEW Local 1116 hopes, expects and wants to ensure will not be the case - who, in addition to its creditors and customers, will be the people most directly affected thereby? The answer to both of these questions is self-evident, to wit, the persons represented by IBEW Local 1116.

In ¶ 6 of its Opposition (p. 2), Trico asserts that "[t]he Union has no more direct or substantial interest in this proceeding than an individual employee of Trico[.]" Overlooking the fact that IBEW Local 1116 represents a substantial percentage of Trico's total workforce, what Trico also fails to grasp is that Article XV, § 3 of the Arizona Constitution expressly tasks this Commission with the responsibility for making and enforcing reasonable rules, regulations, and orders for the convenience, comfort, and safety, and the preservation of the health of each and every individual employee of Trico. As such, Trico's Objection simply makes no sense as either a factual or legal matter.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that IBEW Local 1116 be permitted to intervene in the above-captioned matter

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